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EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI RESPONSE

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Summary

Since the tragic December earthquake and tsunami, USAID and other U.S. Government agencies have worked closely with the Government of Indonesia to provide relief and recovery assistance to those affected. To date, USAID has provided more than **\$53.3 million** in emergency food assistance, relief supplies, temporary shelter, water and sanitation, health, livelihoods and other support for affected communities in Aceh and North Sumatra.

Relief & Humanitarian Assistance:

USAID provided the Indonesian Red Cross with \$2.1 million in immediate support to provide life-saving emergency services to affected populations, including temporary shelter, water, food and medical services. With \$3.5 million, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) began immediately transporting and delivering relief supplies, such as water, food, plastic sheeting, generators, fuel and medical supplies to affected areas in Aceh and North Sumatra.

USAID and USDA are working with the World Food Program (WFP) to provide food to benefit over 150,000 earthquake survivors in Nias and Simeuleu islands. Commodities include rice, instant noodles, high-energy biscuits, and vegetable oil. In addition, USAID and USDA continue to provide food assistance in Aceh, supporting the overall emergency operation that feeds nearly 750,000 people.

Cooperation with the U.S. Military:

The successful cooperation between USAID, other civilian aid agencies and the U.S. military marked a high point in one of the biggest, emergency, humanitarian relief operations in history. The U.S. military supported the response effort through helicopter and landing craft that enabled USAID and other relief agencies to provide life-saving assistance. Before the USS Abraham Lincoln's departure, 2,800 relief missions had been flown, over 2,200 medical patients treated, and 4,000 tons of supplies delivered.

From the beginning there has been excellent U.S. Embassy/USAID/U.S. Military/Indonesian Military (TNI) cooperation. USAID and US Embassy personnel on the ground in Banda Aceh and in Medan coordinated closely with the U.S. Military on logistics, especially to prioritize the delivery of relief items. TNI assisted in planning the delivery of relief planes, U.S. helicopter sorties and relief supplies trucks. The USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Bonhomme Richard, and USS Fort McHenry with more than 40 helicopters and amphibious landing craft were key to ensuring the delivery of life-saving relief supply.

The U.S. Navy hospital ship, USNS Mercy departed the coast of Nias on April 30, concluding 25 days of humanitarian assistance to victims of the 8.7 magnitude earthquake that struck on March 28. During this time, the Mercy evacuated 94 of the most seriously injured and ill patients via helicopter to the ship where Mercy's medical personnel performed 123 surgeries and 19,311 medical procedures. Also in response to this March earthquake off the coast of Sumatra, the USG through USAID has provided \$1.1 million to deliver life-saving emergency relief supplies and medical assistance on the ground.



Water, Sanitation & Health:

USAID supports the Naval Medical Research Unit collaboration with the Ministry of Health to establish a "WHO Reference diagnostic laboratory" in Banda Aceh to test and diagnose communicable diseases.

USAID through CARE has provided 130,000 bottles of Safe Water System (SWS), a home water chlorination kit pioneered by the US Centers for Disease Control (USCDC). One capful purifies 20 liters of water. USAID/CARE provided hygiene improvement kits to approximately 41,500 displaced families in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, Aceh Jaya, and Simeulue.

International Medical Corps (IMC) quickly provided teams of medical personnel for mobile health units, rehabilitation of local health clinics, malaria control, and psychosocial support in Banda Aceh and remote areas on the West Coast. USAID funds the U.N. World Health Organization's (WHO) sentinel health surveillance system for tsunami-affected areas of Aceh and Northern Sumatra provinces.

Other USAID-funded relief and recovery programs include mobile health clinics in Meulaboh and Banda Aceh operated by the International Rescue Committee (IRC); IRC activities for water and sanitation, school cleaning, latrine construction, and health worker training; UNICEF child protection and psychosocial activities; and support for Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) work with midwives to restore maternal and neonatal care.

Recovery:

USAID launched various community-based activities designed to involve communities in physical and social recovery and reconstruction. One example is USAID's new Community-Based Recovery Initiative (CBR) which works with 53 communities to improve livelihoods and ensure community-driven recovery and development. \$1.62 million has been granted to communities to address initial priorities.

USAID is providing critical support to strengthen local government operations, re-establish service-delivery and to improve communications between civil society and local government. USAID provided approximately \$850,000 in essential equipment for the Provincial Government of Nanggroe Aceh Daruassalam and the City of Banda Aceh to increase local government capacity to deliver much-needed basic services to those affected by the tsunami disaster. USAID is also working with communities and local government to re-establish property ownership in three districts.

USAID awarded more than \$6.3 million in support of cash-for-work programs to rehabilitate social and economic infrastructure, such as schools, markets and agriculture land. These cash-for-work programs employed more than 35,000 beneficiaries working over 700,000 labor days, providing \$2.9 million directly to workers. Implementing partners include a range of local and international organizations.

With a \$50,000 grant from USAID, the Youth Branch of Muhammadiyah in Banda Aceh recapitalized and restarted its Syariah revolving loan fund. The fund now provides working capital for over 200 micro-enterprises affected by tsunami, including more than 70% of the traders in the main city market.

FAST FACTS: U.S. ASSISTANCE

Total USAID Assistance Committed to Date for Indonesia: \$53.3 million*
Total U.S. Government request for Affected Region: \$950 million
(*Not including value of assistance from the U.S. Dept. of Defense)

For more information on the tsunami and USAID's work, please see "Tsunami Response" at www.usaid.gov/id

TSUNAMI IN INDONESIA

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| Dead: | 126,732 |
| Missing: | 93,662 |
| Displaced: | 533,770 |

Source: Government of Indonesia, 3/22/05